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The Honorable  
Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman :

On behalf of Christian Action Network and its 250,000 supporters, I urge you to support passage of Congressman Ernest Istook's Religious Freedom Amendment (H.J.Res 78) in the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

The Religious Freedom Amendment (RFA) will protect people of faith throughout the country. The American people have again and again expressed their support for voluntary prayer in the schools. Religious symbols and observances should not be stripped from our public life. The Ten Commandments have been banished from courthouses and public Christmas displays are often cleansed of their original religious significance.

However, the right of free speech has been expanded in almost every area except religious freedom. The premise of the amendment is simple: **To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience.**

Last June, the Supreme Court overturned the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which provided some basic protections for people of faith. This decision shows that passage of the Religious Freedom Amendment is even more important.

Please vote for its passage in subcommittee and in full committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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